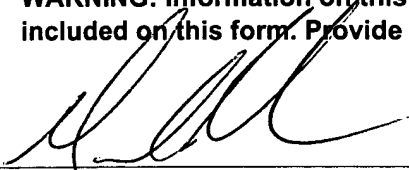


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>AKE0001-US</b>	
Applicant(s): <b>Okubo et al.</b>					
Application No. <b>09/993,675</b>	Filing Date <b>November 27, 2001</b>	Examiner <b>Trung Q. Nguyen</b>	Customer No. <b>28970</b>	Group Art Unit <b>2829</b>	Confirmation No. <b>8021</b>
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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In re the Application of:

OKUBO, ET AL.

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Examiner: Trung Q. Nguyen

**AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

An extension of time for one month is believed to be due. Any further extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment is hereby requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this response is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-1390.

This Amendment is submitted further in response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed March 21, 2005.

**Amendments to the Specification:** none.

**Amendments to the Claims:** reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings:** begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks:** begin on page 6 of this paper.